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## 115th Brigade Signal Company changes command

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BROOKINGS, S.D. – Capt. Bracken Robinson, a resident of Rapid City, assumed command of the 115th Brigade Signal Company, South Dakota Army National Guard, during a change of command ceremony March 2, at the Brookings Readiness Center.

Robinson accepted the guidon from outgoing commander, Capt. Samuel Bjornestad, of Rochester, Minn., who served as the commander of the 115th since April 2011.

"I'm extremely excited to take command of such an exciting unit," said Robinson after the ceremony. "This unit finally has all of its equipment and I can't wait to get to the field to deploy it. It is a very exciting time to be in command of the 115th Brigade Signal Company."

The 115th's mission is to provide 24-hour operational command, control, communications, computer, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance signal systems network to support the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, headquartered in Sioux Falls.

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**130302-A-4228M-001**: Members of the 115th Brigade Signal Company, South Dakota Army National Guard, stand in formation before a change of command ceremony on March 2, 2013, at the Brookings Readiness Center in Brookings, S.D. Capt. Bracken Robinson, front left, is assuming command from Capt. Samuel Bjornestad, front right, who has been in command since April 2011. (SDNG photo by Sgt. April Masters) (RELEASED)





130302-A-4228M-002: Left to right, Capt. Bracken Robinson, incoming commander of the 115th Brigade Signal Company, South Dakota Army National Guard, Lt. Col. Jeff Norris, 139th Brigade Support Battalion Commander, Capt. Samuel Bjornestad, outgoing commander of the 115th and Spc. Jacob Carlson, front, guidon bearer, and also a member of the 115th, pose for a photo after a change of command ceremony on March 2, 2013, at the Brookings Readiness Center in Brookings, S.D. Robinson assumed command of the 115th from Bjornestad who has been in command for nearly two years. (SDNG photo by Sgt. April Masters) (RELEASED)

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